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Conductor's certificate

* 218 *Q.*—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the issue of conductor's certificate is suspended for sometime past in Tirunelveli district;

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor;

(*c*) whether the re-issue of the certificates issued by the former Travancore-Cochin State authorities, has also been suspended; and

(*d*) if so, the steps taken to make these certificates valid in Madras State?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMIAH: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The issue of fresh conductor's certificate has been suspended under rule 241 (i) (iv) of the Madras Motor Vehicles Rules as the number of conductor's certificates extant is already in excess of the requirements of the district.

(*c*) & (*d*) The re-issue of the certificates issued by the former Travancore-Cochin State authorities has been taken up by the Regional Transport Officer, Kanyakumari, as all the conductor's certificate-holders are permanent residents of Kanyakumari district. The Travancore-Cochin Motor Vehicles Rules are still in force in Kanyakumari district and the conductor's certificates issued by the former Travancore-Cochin authorities are valid until such time as the Madras Motor Vehicles Rules are introduced in Kanyakumari district.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: May I know on what basis these certificates are issued?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMIAH: Qualifications have been prescribed for the same.

Low Scale Famine Works

* 219 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY PILLAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the details of the 'Low Scale Famine Works' done in the Kanyakumari district during the last financial year; and

(*b*) the total cost of the works?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: (*a*) & (*b*) No low scale famine relief work was taken up in Kanyakumari district in 1956–57 as the necessity for it did not arise.

SRI T. S RAMASWAMY PILLAI: May I know whether the Hon. Minister is aware of the fact that this subject was referred to in His Excellency the Governor's Address delivered during the last session? In the last Governor's Address reference was made to starting of "Low Scale Famine Works" in Kanyakumari and

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Tirunelveli districts. May I know whether the Hon. Minister is aware of the fact that the Governor referred to these works in Kanyakumari district?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The Governor may have referred to the works in Tirunelveli and Kanyakumari districts. But the question relates to Kanyakumari district. In Kanyakumari district it was tried whether low scale famine works could be taken up. It was found that labourers there are not accustomed to low scale famine works such as stone cutting, etc. They are not accustomed to hard work which are contemplated under Low Scale Famine Works. Fortunately the monsoon has set in and the situation has improved.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY PILLAI : On a point of order, Sir. The Governor's Address is supposed to have been prepared under the advice of the Council of Ministers. In the Governor's Address a specific reference was made to the starting of low scale famine works in Kanyakumari district along with Tirunelveli district. Here, Sir, one Hon. Minister from the Council of Ministers is saying that "no work is done". It is contradicting the statement made in the Governor's Address. May I know whether it is in order or whether it is in conformity with the provisions in the Constitution?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I clearly stated in my reply that reference might have been made to both Tirunelveli and Kanyakumari districts. As far as Kanyakumari district was concerned, I stated that it was not possible to start low scale famine works because the people there were not accustomed to such kind of works and they did not come forward to take up the works.

(Hon. Member Sri T. S. Ramaswamy Pillai rose.)

MR. SPEAKER : I will call the hon. Member when his turn comes.

SRI D. S. ADIMOOLAM : "லோ ஸ்கேல் பாமின் வொர்க்ஸ்" என்று சொன்னால் இவ்வளவு தொகைக்குள் செய்யப்படுகிற வேலை என்று அதற்கு ஏதாவது அர்த்தம் உண்டா அல்லது வேறு என்ன முறையில் சொல்லப்படுகிறது ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : "லோ ஸ்கேல்" என்று சொன்னால் கூலி கொடுக்கிறார்களே, அது ரொம்ப குறைவாய் இருக்கும். இதனால் அநேகம் பேர்களுக்கு வேலை கொடுக்க முடியும்.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY PILLAI : May I know whether the Hon. Minister has enquired about starting of low scale famine works in Kanyakumari district?

THE HON SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : What I have stated is the information that I got.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I will explain the position to the hon. Member. We sanction schemes for being taken up as "famine works". Those works are sanctioned on a lower scale

wage. If nobody comes forward to take up such works, that shows that there is not so much intense famine warranting the taking-up of such works. So, this is a test to find out whether really famine conditions are prevailing or not. If really famine conditions are prevailing, then people will come forward to take up such works on a low scale wage. If they do not come then it shows that there is no famine prevailing. Therefore, we have sanctioned schemes both for Tirunelveli and Kanyakumari districts, and as explained by the Hon. Minister nobody came forward for a low wage in Kanyakumari district.

Sri T. S. RAMASWAMY PILLAI : In the Governor's Address it was specifically stated that low scale works had been started. Now, Sir, it has been stated that they have been sanctioned.

Sri S. B. ADITYAN : கவர்னருடைய உரையைப்பற்றிச் சொன்னார்கள் அதில் "**the starting of low scale works has been organised**" என்று தான் இருக்கிறது. ஆனால், ஆரம்பிக்கப்பட்டு கைவிடப்பட்டது என்று மந்திரியவர்கள் சொன்னார்கள். இவ்வாறு கன்னியாகுமரி ஜில்லாவில் மட்டுந்தான் கை விடப்பட்டதா? திருநெல்வேலி ஜில்லாவிலும் கைவிடப் பட்டதா?

The Hon. Sri M. A. **MANICKAVELU :** இந்தக் கேள்வி கன்னியா குமரி ஜில்லாவைப் பற்றித்தான். அங்குள்ள மக்கள் இந்த மாதிரி வேலைகளுக்கு வரப்பிரியப்படவில்லை.

State Transport

* 220 *Q.*—Sri T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any stores attached to the Transport Garage in Kanyakumari district; and

(*b*) the total value of the spare parts kept in the stores usually?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Rupees 1,29,000 approximately.

Sri T. T. DANIEL : Is the Hon. Minister aware that because there are not sufficient spare parts available in these stores the repairs to buses are not properly attended to? Will the Government, therefore, be pleased to set up "a store" or a workshop there which the Government have already decided to start at a very early date?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : It is not for want of spare parts but is really due to lack of well-equipped workshop that repairs are not properly attended to then and there. The Government have proposals to open a workshop at a cost of three lakhs at Nagerkoil.

Sri **D. S. ADIMOOLAM :** ஸார், கன்னியாகுமரி ஜில்லாவில் மொத்தம் எத்தனை சர்க்கார் டிரான்ஸ்போர்ட் பஸ்கள் ஓடிக் கொண்டிருக்கிறது. மதுருவில் எல்லாம் பொதுவாக ஒரு 25 பர்ஸ்செட், அதாவது 400